

FUND TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIME
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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2016 MEETING

A Fund to Combat Violent Crime Committee meeting was held on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 12:15 p.m. the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Conference Room in the Office of the Secretary, 303 Transportation Boulevard, Dover, Delaware. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, James N. Mosley. Those in attendance included:

Attendees:

Committee Members and Staff

Secretary James N. Mosley	Secretary, Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Chief William Bryson	President, Delaware Police Chiefs Council
Fred Calhoun	Delaware State FOP Lodge
Colonel Nathaniel McQueen	Superintendent, Delaware State Police
Jennifer Noel	Deputy Attorney General
Carol Lee	Grant Administrator

Interested Parties

Sgt. F. Scott Reed	Wilmington Police Department
S. Cpl. Nelida Vega	Wilmington Police Department
Capt. Stephen Misetic	Wilmington Police Department
Chief Randall Hughes	Georgetown Police Department
Chief Paul Bernat	Dover Police Department

Secretary Mosley called the meeting to order at 12:25.

The purpose of this meeting was to consider two grant amendment requests:

V-26-16 Wilmington Police Department

Amendment Request: \$135,000.00

Applicant's original allocation was for \$187,503.06 designated for overtime. This amendment request asks to reallocate \$135,000.00 from overtime to their Shotspotter Gun Detection Device System to provide the annual subscription fee. Wilmington Police Department views Shotspotter as a vital system and credits it with contributing to results in many successful prosecutions, arrests, apprehensions, weapon confiscations and reduction in gunfire and related violent crime.

V-24-16 Georgetown Police Department

Amendment Request: \$5,424.00

Applicant's original allocation was for \$22,715.79 designated as overtime and the purchase of three 800 Mhz Portable Radios with accessories. This amendment asks to reallocate \$5,424.00 from overtime to outfit two new patrol vehicles with upgraded 800 Mhz Mobile Radios. They request this adjustment as covered in Chapter IV, Technology to include upgrades and maintenance thereof.

Discussion on Wilmington's request began with Secretary Mosley asking how long the Wilmington Police Department had been utilizing the Shotspotter system, and if they had ever before asked to utilize these grant funds for this purpose. The Secretary stated his concern regarding the subscription fee to be a recurring fee and not within the guidelines of this grant.

Fred Calhoun stated the FOP was opposed to this use of funds and their stance was that the funds should be utilized to put officers on the street and to cover individual equipment needed for their use on the street.

Col. McQueen stated that he was not opposed to the purpose of the expenditure, but put forth the question, "Does the request meet the grant requirements?" Discussion ensued on Wilmington's professional service contract for Shotspotter and how Shotspotter originated with the Delaware State Police but went to the Wilmington Police Department as they had a greater use for it.

A motion was made and seconded to deny the request. Sgt. Scott Reed brought up service dates of the subscription which prompted further discussion. The motion was withdrawn to allow further discussion which included how the service agreement was paid.

Col. McQueen asked how the service was initially funded. Sgt. Reed responded that it had been funded by other grant money and that the grant had expired. He also stated that Wilmington was concerned with being able to expend the FCVC grant money on overtime as originally requested before the end of the grant period.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. The vote was not in favor of approval and the request for transfer of \$135,000 from the overtime line in V-26-16 to a new line for the Shotspotter subscription was denied.

The representatives of the Wilmington Police Department then asked if a 120-day extension of this grant could be provided to spend the remaining funds. A motion was made and seconded to allow the 120-day extension. The vote was in favor of approval, and the request for a 120-day extension of grant V-26-16 was approved.

Georgetown's request to transfer funds from the overtime line of V-24-16 was addressed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. The vote was in favor of approval, and the request to transfer \$5,424.00 from the overtime line of this grant to a line for outfitting two new patrol vehicles with upgraded 800 Mhz Mobile Radios was approved.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.